

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the pending claims of the present application by substituting the following:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for editing performance data using a computer system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

controlling the computer system to display a plurality of layers on a screen of the display, ~~wherein each of the plurality of layers is arranged so as to allow an execution icon be graphically attached thereto, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data;~~

providing a display instruction for controlling the display setting of at least one of said plurality of layers, said display setting being one of display mode and non-display mode;

in response to the display instruction, providing an instruction to control ~~controlling the computer system to place~~ at least one of the layers ~~to be placed~~ in a display mode or a non-display mode; and

~~controlling the computer system to display or not to display the at least one of the layers in response to the instruction~~

in response to a user instruction, attaching an execution icon at a user prescribed position in at least one layer that is displayed on the screen of the display, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data.

Claims 2-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A performance data editing apparatus having a display comprising:

~~a first controller for displaying a plurality of layers on a screen of the display, wherein each of the plurality of layers is arranged so as to allow an execution icon be graphically attached thereto, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data;~~

a receiver for receiving executable instructions, said executable instructions including display instructions for controlling a display setting of at least one of said plurality of layers, said display setting being one of display mode and non-display mode, and user instructions for attaching an execution icon, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data; to place at least one of the layers in a display mode or a non-display mode; and

a second controller for displaying a plurality of layers on a screen of the display, said controller responding to the received display instructions by causing the display or non-display of the at least one of the layers, and responding to the received user instructions by attaching the execution icon at a user prescribed position in at least one layer that is displayed on the screen of the display.

Claims 15-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A machine-readable media containing an executable program for causing a computer system to perform a method for editing performance data, said computer system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

controlling the computer system to display a plurality of layers on a screen of the display;
~~wherein each of the plurality of layers is arranged so as to allow an execution icon be graphically attached thereto, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data;~~

providing a display instruction for controlling the display setting of at least one of said plurality of layers, said display setting being one of display mode and non-display mode;

in response to the display instruction, ~~providing an instruction to control~~ controlling the computer system to place at least one of the layers ~~to be placed~~ in a display mode or a non-display mode; and

~~controlling the computer system to display or not to display the at least one of the layers in response to the instruction~~

in response to a user instruction, attaching an execution icon at a user prescribed position in at least one layer that is displayed on the screen of the display, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data.

Claims 21-25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): The performance data editing method of claim 1, wherein the prescribed position in the at least one layer, to which the execution icon is attached, is determined in correspondence with progression of the performance data ~~further comprising the step of attaching to at least one of the plurality of layers one or plural execution icons in a prescribed direction in accordance with progression of the performance data.~~

Claim 27 (previously presented): The performance data editing method of claim 1, wherein each layer is displayed as an execution icon layer in correspondence with the execution-related data.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The performance data editing method of claim 27, wherein the execution icon layer contains at least one of a tempo icon layer, a dynamics icon layer, a joint icon layer, a modulation icon layer, an accent icon layer, an attack icon layer, and a release icon layer.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The performance data editing method of claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling the computer system to display a name of at least one of the plurality of layers.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The performance data editing method of claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling the computer system to further display an operator for controlling at least one of the plurality of layers displayed on the screen of the display.

Claims 31-32. (canceled)

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
editing the execution icon attached onto one of said plurality of layers; and
editing the performance data corresponding to the execution icon that is edited.

Claim 34 (new): The performance data editing method of claim 1, wherein a musical score is displayed on the screen of the display so that the plurality of layers are displayed in relation to the musical score.

Claim 35 (new): The performance data editing method of claim 34, further comprising the steps of:

in response to the user instruction, selecting or editing the execution icon attached to the layer; and

visually displaying a prescribed range of execution-related data corresponding to the execution icon that is selected or edited on the musical score.